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Mr Bret Walker SC  
Royal Commissioner  
Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission  
GPO Box 1445, Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Mr Walker

**Re: Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission**

I refer to CSIRO's letter dated 29 June 2018 to you, and the response dated 4 July 2018 from the Royal Commission's Senior Instructing Solicitor.

Since that time, we have been notified that the Commonwealth and MDBA have discontinued the High Court proceedings in relation to summonses issued by the Royal Commission.

We also understand that the Royal Commissioner continues to seek voluntary assistance to the Royal Commission.

CSIRO wishes to notify the Royal Commissioner of its intention to provide a voluntary submission on scientific matters relevant to the Royal Commission. In particular, the submission will provide relevant background that CSIRO has relating to scientific work that has been provided to Commonwealth and State entities regarding the Murray-Darling Basin.

In providing this submission, CSIRO will continue to focus on its role to provide scientific information to the wider community, and does not intend to provide commentary outside of scientific matters.

CSIRO is currently developing the submission and will update the Royal Commissioner on its finalisation.

In the meantime, should you wish to contact CSIRO please direct any further correspondence to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Mayfield", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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